THE Wonderfull and strange effect and vertues of a new *Terra Sigillata* lately found out in Germanie,

With the right order of the applying and administring of it: being oftentimes tried and experienced by *Andreas Bertholdus* of Oschatz in Misnia.

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To the right worſhipfull, my eſpeciall good friendes M. D. Maiſter, and M. D. Baylie, Doctors in *Phyſicke attendant vpon her Maieſtie.*

WEL knowen is it vnto you both, Right reuerende and learned doctors how carefully our good friende *M. Hugh Morgan* her Maieſties Apothecarie, hath euermore imployed himſelfe and his purſe to furniſh this Realme with the rareſt, perfecteſt and beſt ſortes of all maner of Plants, Fruits, Iuyces, Gumes, Mettals, Mynerals, Boales, Stoanes, and whatſoeuer elſe needfull: For

the either preſerning or reſtoring of health. Whereby he hath not onely well deſerued of his Countrie at home. But is alſo become famous for ſundrie his compounds, ſpecially for his exact Compoſition of his *Mythridat*, and his *Tryacle* of *Andromachus*: throughout *France* and *Italie* and manie places further off. It pleaſed him (I thanke him) of late to ſend vnto me a new *Terra Sigillata*, latelie found out in *Germanie*: which hath not onely beene tryed by the Phiſitions of thoſe partes to be moſt ſouereigne againſt all poyſons and ſundrie deadlie diſeaſes: but hath alſo in the like caſes been here wel experienced by my good & learned friend M. Doctor *Hector*, *Nunnes* and diuerſe others of your learned Colledge in *London*, who hath found it moſt effectuall in ſundrie dreadfull and daungerous diſeaſes. He ſent me withall a little booke in latine written by *Andreas Bertholdus* touching the vertues

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and the right vſe thereof, which I thought good for the benefite of ſuch as bee ignorant in that tongue to put in engliſh and to publiſh it vnder your learned protection. Accept it I beſeech you and vouchſafe it your fauorable countnance. *Aluingham* this 14. of *Auguſt*. 1587.

Your aſſured louing friend,

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Your assured louing friend,

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Of the Vertues, force, and vse, of the right and approued *Terra Sigillata* of Germanie.

FIrſt (which in nature is moſt to bée wondered at & reuerenced,) it reſiſteth all maner Poyſons or Uenoms receiued inwardly, be they neuer ſo furious or deadly, and ſpœdily expelleth them by vomit, if either before or preſently after the poyſons it be taken, if any thing later, it driueth them out by ſweating.

Secondly, with the like wonderfull qualitie of nature, it reſiſteth the moſt cruell and horrible infection of the Peſtilence, not onely in preſerning ſuch as vſe it, but alſo in ſpœdie curing and calling to life, ſuch as are infected, and halfe dead.

Thirdly, it cureth the bitings or stingings of all maner of venemous beastes, or wormes, and any wounde made with poysoned Darte or weapon.

Fourthly, it is founde to haue a singular and most swéete agrément and wonderfull Sympathy with the vitall partes of mans bodie, so as it greatly comforteth the heart, refresheth the brayne, and kéepeth away diseases from all the inward partes besides. It asswageth all manner of headach, paine and trembling of the heart. It helpeth wounded, inflamed, bleared, and watring eyes. It hath also béene found by experience, that in wounds and inflamation of the brayne and the stones, this excellent earth hath done more good than any other medicine could promise or performe.

Fiftly, against all vnmeasurable blédings, either of veyne, Arterye, or any other part of the bodie, there cannot a more assured remedie be found.

Sixtly, it dryeth vp all manner of

Rewmes,

Rewmes, Destilations, and Wurrs.

Seuenthly, it stoppeth the Laske, Lyentery, bloudy Flixe, and all other too much lowseneſſe of the belly.

Eighthly, it throughly healeth all burnings, or scaldings, by Fire, Water, or Mettall, both keeping them from blistring, and spædily restoring the hurt parts.

Ninthly, it healeth soundly and perfectly all græne woundes, & rankled and rotten Soares.

Tenthly, it is against the Quinsey and inward Inflamations a most present remedie.

The eleuenth, against Itch and Skabs that are hardly cured, this earth is with very good succeſſe vsed.

The twelft, it is a most mæte medicine against all such sickeneſſes as are to be auoided by Sweating.

The thirtænth, against the consuming of the Longs, as well in drying vp the Soare, as in staying the spitting of bloude, it is a medicine most profitable.

A more full and playner declaration, of the maner *and order in the vsing the* said earth against the diseases before named.

FIrst, to speake in generall of the vse of this earth, and the manner of taking it: It is with most happie succesſe giuen. In the like sorte, and against the same vnnaturall diseases, as is the earth of Lemnos, which of olde time was so famous, and is at this day so highly of the Turkish Emperour and his Bassas accounted of, as they estéeme it to be farre more precious than golde: May which is more, in the curing of many diseases, it farre excéedeth the saide Lemnian earth, which for the most part counterfette, is yet with such difficultie brought out of Turkie vnto vs (For that which is commonly solde at the Apothecaries, is in comparison hereof not worthy to bee named.) And

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therefore great good reason it is, that wee confesse, and with a thankefull minde acknowledge, the singular liberalitie and bountie of that great and most mighty maiestie extended towards our countrymen of Germanie: That where by reason of the Turkish barbarousnesse so godly and blessed giftes of God, as likewise all learning, artes, and liberall sciences, hath beene defaced and corrupted, yet hath it pleased him at this day, so to bewtifie this poore Country of Germanie, not onely with all kindes of good learning and artes, and with the profound knowledge of Diuinitie, but hath likewise sent vnto vs such his most rare & excellent gifts, whereby we are sufficiently prouided of whatsoeuer concerneth the health of either soule or bodie. And because I would not haue men be perswaded by my bare wordes (who vpon a charitable affection haue willingly published to the world this worthy benefite of God,) I doe vnto all learned men commit the efficacie, forme, and

vertuousnes of this blessed and neuer sufficiently commended earth, to be wayed & examined with sound iudgement and consideration, which hath often beene proued by good tryal and experience. The vertues whereof for their furtherance that haue not beene much acquainted with Phisicke, I will here briefly set downe.

First, if poyson be giuen to anie man in meate or drinke or otherwise, or if any haue vnawares, as manie times it chaunceth, tasted any deadly or venemous medicine, as soone as hee perceiueth himselfe diseased, let him take a dramme of this earth, or more or lesse according to ꝑ strengeh of the poyson, and the age and force of the sicke man, and in some conuenient Lyquor let him drinke it vp, and if the poyson haue beene but newly receiued, he shall presently bring it vp by vomit: But if so be through longer time the Uenom haue beene dispersed and carryed to the inwarde veynes yet being well couered in his bedde, he shall happily driue it out by

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ſweating. The Lyquors that are moſt méetest to take it with, are theſe: the water of Carduus benedictus, Dyuils bitt, ſwallowwort.

The water of the rootes of the great brode Clott, Angellica, Pympernell, and ſuch like: If you haue not theſe waters at haude, this ſouerayne preſeruatiue may be taken verie well in white Wine.

Secondly, againſt the plague it may be vſed in the like maner, eſpecially when it is to be giuen vnto ſuch as are alreadie infected. But if you meane to take it but as a preſeruatiue, you néede not to take a whole dramme, for halfe a dramme taken in the morning in a little wine or vineger of Marygolds, or any other conuenient Lyquor, will very well ſerue.

I my ſelfe haue alwayes vſed this earth with very good ſucceſſe, in maner as followeth, as ſoone as a man féeleth any paine of his heart or his heade, or perceiueth any anguiſh, grudging, lothſomneſſe, guiddineſſe, or other ſignes of the peſtilence, I do

ſtreight diſolue in wine, water, or o-
ther lyquor, a dramme of this earth,
and giue it to the ſicke man in his
bedde, caſting him in a ſweat, where-
with the venome is in a very fewe
houres driuen out, without any out-
ward ſore or ſwelling: But if it ſo
fall out as it be not taken in time, the
bloud being for the greateſt parte in-
fected, there cõmeth out in the ſwea-
ting either ſore or carbuncle. In this
caſe you muſt open the veyne as nere
to the ſore as may be: As if it be vn-
der the arme, open the Mediana of
the ſaide arme, if the botch bee in the
flanke or grayne, the great veyne on
the inſide of the legge is to be ope-
ned, if the ſore be vnder the knée, o-
pen the veyne in the ſoale of the foote.
In the meane time bee not negligent
in quallifying of euill humors, leaſt
the poyſon gathering force ſhoulde
ſtrike to the heart, the heart being re-
lieued, will forthwith driue the venom
into a ſore, which ſore being ripe,
muſt by an expert Surgeon out of
hand be launced and well healed vp,

Or middle veine.

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neither must you omit to take a little portion of this earth, and steeping it in vinager with pouder of Cynamon, make it in a playster, and lay it vpon the heart, you shall perceiue a great quantitie of the poyson drawen out by the playster.

Herewithall must you remember after the receit of the medicine to take a toste wet in very good vinager, and to cause the patient to holde it to his nose to keepe him from casting it vp againe. And if he fortune to cast it vp you must giue it againe and againe, till his stomacke doe keepe it. This manner of vsing of it a man of great authority and calling in the Turkes Court did send to a noble man his friende as a great secret, with this protestation, that a principall Phisition of the Turkes did leaue this order written in the Arabyck tongue, which the experiences of a great nũber hath since confirmed.

Thirdly, against the biting of a madde dogge, the stinging of Serpents, Scorpions, Spyders, or any

other venemous wormes, as also against woundes made by poysone weapons, this earth may in this sort be most commodiously vsed. Take as much thereof as shall suffice for the bignesse of the wound, and with fasting spittle make it into a paste spred vpon Linnen, and lay it to the soare, or being made more thinner annoynt the soare with it, whereby the venome shall not all onely be drawen backe, but the force thereof quite abated, so as in this case it is not possible to haue a better medicine. And if it happen the plasture bee applyed too late, then must you of neressitie drine out the poison by receiuing inwardly a dram of the earth infused in wine or other medicinable Lyquor.

Fourthly, it doth wonderfully asswage the paynes and raging of the head, whether it come of heate, wind, labour, watching, care, or trouble of minde, and restoreth the consumed spirits if it be taken with good Aqua vitæ, the waters of Betony, Rosmary, Vageram, Penyroyall, or such like,

like, or in great heate a dramme of it taken in the morning with Rosewater. The paynes and trembling of the heart it asswageth, and the heart it selfe being dumpish it greatly reioyceth, if a dramme of it be taken with the waters of Balme, Salendine, Mother-wort, Buglasse, Borage, or Geliuer Flowers, or dronke in like sort with good white wine. For the burning heat of the eyes, bleerednes, rumes, or any flux, this earth is specially good, applyed eyther with Rosewater, the waters of Planteyne, Eybright, Valeryan, Fenell, or any such, and dropped into the eye with the fether of a blacke henne, or linnen cloth dipped in the water and layde to it, for any stripe in the eye it healeth it, if it be layd to with ỹ whit of an egge, and any conuenient water as shall séeme good to the Phisition or Surgeon. It helpeth the wounds of the head or of the stones, if being disolued in Rosewater, a linnen cloth dipped therein be layd to the hurt place, for therby shall the soare be kept from a-

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ny inflamation, flux of euill humors, or hurtfull accident.

Fiftly, you may quickely ſtanch bloud breaking out from any part of the body, if you beate a Trocyſe of this earth into pouder, & mingling it with ſpittle or any other lyquor, apply it to the place, you ſhall ſoone reſtreyne bléding at the noſe if mingling this earth with vinager, ỳ white of an egge, & the water of Tormentyll, you ſpreade it vpon linnen cloth and lay it to the temples to the parte of the head, and put it into the noſe, you ſhall eaſily alſo diſſolue cluttered bloud congealed within the body by any caſualty, if you take either this earth alone in warme wine, or if you cauſe the patient to drink a dramme of the earth and a dramme of that hole which they that digge in quarreyes finde in the midſt of the ſtones, and name it it in Dutch of the colour Lyuerſtone, and of the place Steynmarle, diſſolued in the white of two egges and warme vinager, with a ſcruple of Saffron.

Sixtly,

Sixtly, to cure the Rewme, vse often to drinke this earth morning and euening, eyther in white wine or other lyquor, whereby you shall immediately sweate and finde great ease.

Seuenthly, you shall stoppe any loseneſſe of the bodie if you giue a dramme of this earth in the morning and at night in the water of Tormentyll, of Oke leaues, or of the flowers of our Acacia.

Eightly, to kæpe any parte of the body that it blyster not after burning and ſkalding and to ſkinne it verie ſpædily, powre vpon this earth clære Fountaine water wherein vnquenched Lime hath ſoaked the night before, and herewithall with the fether of a blacke henne anoynt often times very tenderly the ſore place.

Ninthly, if this earth be put in any playſter ſtæped in any lyquor, or receiued any wayes into the body, it perfectly cureth al paines, inflamations, or euill accidents of any wounds or vlcers, eſpecially woundes of the kydneis, ſtones, or inward parts.

Tenthly,

Tenthly, it healeth Itches, Scabs, Kybes, Skuruinesse, Wangies, or other such filthy diseases of the skinne and maketh the skinne smoth and white, if so be it be dissolued in spring water or plantyne water, if the foule and leprous skinne be often washed therewith and not dryed after it.

Lastly, this earth of ours doth helpe the quinsey, inward inflamations, vlcered Lungs, and such other inward diseases, if a dramme of it be taken in any water proper to the disease, as likewise it cureth all Collickes, and Illpacke passions. These are in effect the vertues of this excellent earth, as farre as I haue hitherto had experience. Other vertues of this blessed earth doubtlesse there are many, which I leaue to the experiences of the learned Phisitions. Onely this I will tell them, that this earth is of the nature of the Sunne, or of Golde, for it groweth in no place but in the golde mynes in the midst of the rockes, as doth the precious stone. (I meane the yellow earth, for

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the white is in the siluer mynes, and likely it is that euery mettal else hath his proper bole or earth as I gesse, for as yet I haue not fully vnderstood it.) Whereupon it is called by Paracelsus in the first parte of his great Surgery and in other places, the greace of the Sunne, because it hath in it some shewe of fatnesse. Moreouer, I haue had of some skilfull Alchymists two sortes of earth, the one drawen from golde, the other from siluer very like vnto these of ours, which so being, out of all doubt that earth of ours being as it ought to be prepared and applyed, will cure all those greeuous diseases that golde it selfe being prepared according to Art will cure, which I leaue to the search of the wise and learned Phisitions: For my selfe it sufficeth to haue shewed the way to others, whereby they may garnish and aduaunce the glory of God and our Countrey.

In fine, these and other many remedyes sondry Doctors haue dayly found out, especially in the falling sickenesse

ſickeneſſe, wherein they haue founde by good tryall and experience that diuers infected with that diſeaſe, by taking of this earth gotten in the golden myne, haue béene thoroughly deliuered, ſo as they haue not anie time after béene touched with it.

And therefore I heartely deſire all ſuch to whoſe handes this earth hath come, and who haue had any experience of it, that if ſo be they happen to haue any other experience of it eyther by themſelues or others, than a number of learned men haue tryed (whoſe witneſſe of great credite yea, euen of Magiſtrates and Princes before whom it hath béene tryed I haue ſet downe,) that for the comforte of the diſeaſed, brotherly charitie, and commodity of the vniuerſall mẽbers of Chriſt, they would vouchſafe to ſend mee word of it hither into Sileſia, where I remaine in a towne called Kupfferberg, or to aduertiſe the famous & moſt learned Philoſopher D. Iohn Montanus Doctor in Phiſicke, now dwelling at Striga.

Touching

Touching the names of both the white and the yellow earth, to speake something thereof, I trust there is no man that can iustly be offended with me, in that I haue termed the white earth digged out of the siluer mines, by the name of mynerall vnycorne, wherein I haue not so much here followed mine owne fansie (though it may be permitted to the Inuentors to giue names to such things as they haue found out) as the counsell and aduise of the best Myners, and Doctors of Phisicke, who commonly giue names according to the effect & qualitie of the mediciue, and not according to the outward shape or shewe onely, as the vnlearned vse to doe: Or because I haue called the yellow earth the grease of the Sunne, being gotten out of the golde mynes, and afterwards with great diligence prepared. For I haue found by experience, that the yellow earth hath the same force and vertue in curing diseases that golde it selfe hath: as the white hath the vertues of siluer. So

as good reason to mee it ſéemes, to name them according to the thinges whereof they take their force. If theſe names diſpleaſe any man, the partie may come hyther to the mines where they growe, and conſider the place, circumſtance, forme, and pro-pertie, of the thing, before he as vn-ſkilfull in Mynerall matters, doe malicioully blaſe abroad his fooliſh writings againſt the ſecret workes of God, or vpon a couetous conceit, fearing that his Kitchin will be the colder, if out of Germanie that may be had at a ſmall price, which is hun-ted for out of Araby, Turquy, and the barbarous places there abouts, with ſo great ſummes of monie and with greater gaine retayled, al-though not halfe ſo good as this which we may haue with leſſe coſt by much at home: Yet muſt they in the meane time bee accompted greate Doctors, becauſe they can ſkill of ſuch thinges as are farre fetched, though they neuer ſawe the place where they grew, nor euer haue ſéene

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ment greene or new gathered, as hath hitherto happened of that excellent herbe Scordium, which beeing bought by the Merchant out of far Countries and solde at a very high price, yet is now lately founde to haue growen continually in Germanie, both as fayre as that which commeth from beyond seas, and of better vse for the bodies of our Germains than the other. In like sort falleth it out with mynerals, metals, and precious stones, which as the learned Storie writer Sebastian Munster affirmeth, are now found all to grow at home with vs, and are sent abroad into other Countries in great abundance, which a hundred & fifty yeares agoe were sought for at straungers handes, and so distributed about.

We that doe dayly with infinite toyle and excessiue charges hunt for these hidden treasures in the bowels of our olde mother the earth, doe euery day finde new kindes both of metals and mynerals, that the olde writers neuer knew of, nor those that at

this day inhabit those Countryes are yet acquanted with, beside the vnskilfull Doctors, and dwellers at home, is it possible that these felowes should haue better knowledge of such thinges, as at home they were neuer acquaynted with: neyther knowe what kinde, sorte, or nature they be of: than those to whom they be most familiar, and who dayly gather them where they growe: Yet cease they not with their eloquent pennes, impudently to lie & to deface the truth, attributing to euery thing most foolish & feyned names both in Greeke and Latine, not waying the properties and quallities of euery thing, according to which the Lord God did by Adam from the beginning name them: but as séemeth best to their foolish brayne, which fansie of theirs is as foolishly still mainteyned, and shamelesly defended by their followers, alleadging onely this slender reason, such and such a Philosopher hath saide it: which for the blindnesse sake and vntrustinesse of the

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parties they might rather haue dée-
med to haue bene most false. And
thus not onely to God and his gifts,
but to their owne Countrey of Ger-
manie, these Doctors and Philoso-
phers of Germanie are found to be
most iniurious, who despise the rare
blessings of God that are proper to
them and their Countrey: Onely
cõmending and desiring such things
as are gotten abroad, suppressing
with a vile kinde of minde such
thinges as they haue at home, nay,
which is a fowler thing, they neyther
haue desire to benefite their Coun-
trie nor their brethren, neyther will
they suffer others that would doe it,
but studie continually how they may
with all sortes of raylings and slan-
ders stoppe and deface the good and
laudable attemptes of such as they
knowe to bee studiously and honestly
giuen. Where it had bene a great
deale more méete for them first to
haue giuen most heartie thankes to
God that in the latter dayes hath so
abundantly blessed our Countrie of

Germanie in bringing to light such infinite treasures as hauing long lyen hidde, are now through his mercie found out, to the end that by continuall beholding of them wee may be called from the dungeon of darkenesse to light, and to the amendment of our liues. And euen of the verie bountie and goodnesse of their disposition, thou mayst easily (good reader) perceiue them whom God will haue partakers of his hidden treasures, when as they doe not with iniustice kéepe to themselues the secret knowledge which they haue receiued from God, but séeke by all the meanes they may to make them common to all men, especially to those that be good and godly: and for the others, his good will is they should continually apply their studies to their priuate contentation, and neuer atteyne to the knowledge of the truth: And these good fellowes vse alwayes to kéepe in their owne custodie such thinges as they themselues haue no skill of, neyther will they

they ſuffer ſuch as are of vnderſtanding to haue the vſe of them. But let vs leaue this kinde of people as withered and rotten ſtockes, neyther profitable to themſelues nor others: And according to that which God hath giuen vs, let vs bee fruitfull, alwayes giuing praiſe and thankes to God our merciſull father, not ſéeking our owne honor or priuate commoditie, who ſhal alſo make vs profitable & fitte for his kingdome: with which he hath promiſed to giue to vs whatſoeuer we ſhall haue néede of, ſo that we ſéeke for that kingdome before all other thinges. To this onely God who is & hath béene from euerlaſting, bee euerlaſting honour and glory.

THe teſtimonials of the Princes & Magiſtrats, who haue ſeene before them the experience and miraculus force of the *Sileſian Terra Sigillata:* And thereupon for the acknowledging of ſuch diuine benefites, and extolling the

glory of God, haue vnder their great ſeales confirmed the truth in ſuch order as followeth.

FIrſt an exemplification, that is an abſtract out of the Germaine originall faithfully tranſlated into Latine, that the moſt noble Prince William Landgraue of Heſſe in Caſſell Court in Catzenelnbog, Ditz Ziegenheim and Nidda, of his great clemencie, did graunt to Andreas Bertoldus of Oſchatz, by his Doctors in Phiſicke and Chauncellour.

BEe it knowen vnto all perſons, that an honeſt man called Bertold of Oſchatz, came into the preſence of the moſt noble Prince and Lord, the Lord William Landgraue of Heſſe Court of Catzenelnbogen Ditz, Ziegenheim and Nidda &c. our gracious Lord and Prince, and in humble maner declared vnto him, that hee had found

found in an olde mine of Golde within the dominion of Schueidnitz, a new kinde of earth, which is a present helpe and a most notable remedie against all maner of poysons and sundrie diseases, which earth hauing a stampe vpon it he offered to sell vnto his Excellencie: who not trusting the man vpon his bare worde, committed the matter to his Phisitions, Maurice, Thaurern, and Laurence Hyper: Commaunding them to make a perfect tryall of the saide earth, whereupon the saide Doctors in Phisicke to satisfie their Prince, did make a double proofe of this earth, in this manner. They tooke foure sundrie sortes of the deadliest poysons that might be, which were, Mercurie Sublimate, Aconitum, Nereum and Apocinum; and of some one of these they gaue halfe a dramme a peece to eight dogges, to foure of them they gaue the earth after the poyson, and to the other foure the poyson alone: Of these foure that tooke it alone, the first that tooke A-

pocynum, dyed within halfe an houre: the second that had taken Nereum, died within foure houres: the third that swallowed Mercurie, died within nine houres after: And although they all did cast vp some part of the poyson, yet after most cruell tormentes with crampes and trembling they died: the fourth dogge that eat Aconitum, susteyned thirteene great panges of the crampe, so as euery man thought hee woulde haue died with his fellowes, yet liued he the first day, and hauing halfe the dose of this medicine giuen him, he throughly recouered. The other foure dogges to whom the poysons before named with the like quantitie of this Terra Sigillata was giuen, for three houres after the receiuing of it, were very sicke and feeble, especially one of them to whom the double quantitie of Aconitum by negligence was giuen, vomited thrise: the next day they were all well and did eate their meate greedily, so as there appeared scarse any token of

poyson.

poyſon. When thus his Highneſſe had ſéene the experience of this earth to bee ſo preſent a remedie againſt ſuch deadly poyſons, & that the ſaide Andrew Bertold had humbly craued his letters of credite, both in the fauour of the man and aduancement of the truth, that others might haue knowledge, he denied not to graunt them: But commaunded that his letters teſtimoniall ſealed with his Highneſſe his priuie ſeale, and ſubſcribed with the handes of the foreſaid Doctors, in whoſe preſence this tryall was made, ſhould be giuen vnto him. Which we the abouenamed Doctors vpon our allegiance to his Highneſſe, and for the furtherance of the truth, becauſe we found it as hath béene declared to be true & vnfeyned, moſt willingly haue done. Giuen the xxviij. of July, the yeare of our Lord, 1580.

Mauritius Thaurer D.
Laurencius Hyperius M.D.
Iohan Krug.

IN the yeare of our Lord 1580. the day of Saint James: In the presence of the most noble and worthie Prince William Landgraue of Hesse there was made of the *Terra Sigillata* brought vnto him by Andreas Bertholde of Oschatz this proffe vpon certain dogs.

A redde Dog with a white ring about his necke had giuen him betweene eight and nine in the morning a scruple of *Mercurie* sublimed, and a scruple of the Terra Sigillata therewith: within halfe an houre after the seconde houre he vomited extremely, the thirde houre agayne hee cast vp certaine colloricke matter, so did hee the fourth houre, and without anie great harme he escaped.

A yellowe Cur with a whit breast had giuē vnto him a scruple of *Mercurie* sublimed and nothing after it, within halfe an houre after he made water and presently after hee scummered, within halfe an houre afterwardes

wards he was taken with a Crampe and fell to the grounde, after this Crampe he stode vp a while panting and grinning, and presently after was againe taken with the crampe, and withall swelled in the bellie: at one of the clocke he was taken with a more greeuous Crampe and lay as though he had beene dead for a quarter of an houre, within halfe an houre after two, he began againe to goe, and for an houre and an halfe afterwards, he stod still without mouing: betwene foure & fiue, he was againe extremely taken with the crampe and sundrie times after, at last he died in ỹ night.

A blacke little hound with a white taile, had giuẽ vnto him a great dram of *Aconitum*, and therewith a dram of this earth, within halfe an houre afterward he vomited extremely & within halfe an houre after, he cast vp certain frothie matter, after the first houre he vomited the third time & so escaped.

A branded shaghairde dogge with a white tayle had halfe a dram of *Aconitum* giuen him and nothing therewith, within an hower hee was taken

taken with a great Crapme and shaking one houre after that about one of the clocke hee was taken agapne with the crampe sundrie times, likewise after one, and halfe an houre after two hee fell into the Crampe agayne, so did hée at thrée a Clocke, after thrée he was extreémely pulled with the crampe, and by and by after had the like fit wherewith he made a great quantitie of water, that stonke horribly, then was he againe touched with the Crampe, when as there was giuen him at the commandement of our gratious Lord the Landgraue of Hasse halfe the dose of this suffraine medicine whereby he recouered and escaped.

A blacke Curre with a white necke had giuen vnto him halfe a dramme of *Nerium* or *Oleander* & halfe a dramme of this earth, within one howre after the taking of it, he vomited extremely, and within a little after he vomited greéne bagage, within halfe an howre after he frothed and foomed at the mouth, this was the faintest and wea-

weakeſt dog amongeſt them all, yet did he preſently recouer and ſcape.

A browne Cur with a white necke had giuen vnto him halfe a dramme of *Merium* and nothing of the medicine. Firſt he vomited a thin matter about tenne of the Clocke he vomited againe, after twelfe hee was taken with a great quaking and a terrible crampe, which fit was verie long and extréme: afterward he was pulled with the crampe till almoſt thrée, after thrée he was terriblie racked with the Crampe, and betwéene thrée and fower he died.

A gray little begle had giuen vnto him a dram of *Apocynum* halfe leaues and halfe rootes and withall a dram of this Terra Sigillata. This dogge as farre as we could diſcerne was not al the day long any wiſe vexed, but eſcaped verie well.

A brauded dog had giuen vnto him a dramme of *Apocynum* halfe roote and halfe hearbe and nothing of the medicine, within halfe an hower after the receite of the poyſon, hee was taken

taken with an extréme crampe and quauering, and within a verie ſmale while after he fell ſodenly dead to the great wondering of thoſe that ſtoode by.

Mauritius Thaurer D.
Laurencius Hyperius .D.

A copie of the Letters Pattents which the noble earle *Wolfgan* earle of *Hohenloe*, Lord of *Langenburg* &c. Had graunted to *Andrewe Bertolde* of *Oſchatz*, in witnes of the wonderful vertues of the *Terra Sigillata*, found latly in *Germanie* which hath ben tried to be an approued medicine againſt the ſtrongeſt poyſons, and ſundrie other grieues: faithfully tranſlated out of the Germayne Originall.

WE *Wolfgangus* Earle of *Hohenloe*, Lorde of *Langenburg*, &c. Do openlie make knowen vnto all men by theſe my Letters Teſti-

Testimoniall, that there came lately before me at *Langenburg*, my welbeloued friende Andreas Betholdus of Oschatz, and declared vnto mee that he had a most excellent kinde of *Terra Sigillata*, which was not al onely of great force against sundrie diseases: but also a most vndoubted remedy against all manner of venemous poisons, as had béne prooued by sundrie witnesses vpon a great number of dogges, which made me also desirous to sée the triall of it. It happened at the same time, that one called *Wendel Thumblardt* was by our Lieuetenant of Langenburg for certaine felonies imprisoned, who being examined by our Justices, confessed himselfe guilty of a great number of robberies: And therefore brought to the barre was condemned to bee hanged. Being yet deteined in prison, & comming to his eare that there was such a medicine, so soueraigne against sundrie sicknesses, and the most deadly poisons, hee made humble request as well by his parents, as by other

his friends, of which there were present no small number, desiring for the mercie of God, & respect of his poore life, that being thus condemned, hee might haue giuen vnto him the most deadly poison that might be deuised, whereby a perfit triall might bee had of the worthines of this medicinable earth. And in this respect, not onely for this pittifull request of his: but also for the commoditie and benefite of all Christendome, (if so be the medicine prooue answearable to the report) pardoning the offender, wee graunted his life vpon that condicion. Therefore the day of the date of these presents, in the presence of our selfe, and our welbeloued Cosin the Countie *George Friderick* of Hohenloe, and Lord in Langenburg, and in the presence of all our Nobilitie and Commons, the said patient receiued a dram and a halfe of Mercurie Sublimate, mingled with Conserue of Roses, & immediatly after it he drank a dram of the *Terra Sigillata* in olde wine. And albeit the poison did in the

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iudgement of our learned Phisition *George Pistor* Doctor in Phisicke, and *Iohn Lutzen* our Apothecarie, who were both by him all the while, extremely tormented and vexe him: yet in the end the medicine preuailing ouercame it, whereby the poore wretch was deliuered, and being restored to his health was committed to his parents. Whereas therefore the foresaid Andrew Berthold, hath humbly required to haue our Letters Testimoniall for his farther credite, wee haue thought good for the furtherance and aduancement of the truth, to graunt him these our Letters, signed with our seale Manuell. Giuen at Langenburg the 25. of Januarie, in the yeare of our Lord. 1581.

The copie of the Letters Testimoniall granted by the Magistrats of the Citie of Iuliers vnto Maister *Crisantus a Cronenburg*, Citizen of *Coleine*, in the name and behalfe of *Andreas Bertholdus* of *Oschatz*, touching the force and vertues of the

ſealed earth lately found in *Germanie*. Truely drawen out of the dutch originall.

WE the Maior and Aldermen of the Towne of Iuliers doe ſignifie vnto all to whome this preſent writing ſhall come, that there preſented himſelfe before vs one *Criſant* of *Cronenburg* a ſubſtantiall man, and Citizen of Coleine, declaring vnto vs that hee had an aſſured remedie againſt all poiſons, called by the name of *Terra Sigillata*, *Axungia Solis*, *S. Pauls* earth, or *Adams* earth, being made vp in diuers trocisks, ſome of them reddiſh in colour, ſome Greyiſh, ſealed with a ſcutchin wherein is portrayed the Sunne, the halfe Moone, and fiue Starres. In place of the helmet theſe Letters, A.B. and on the other ſide V.O. Who beſeeched vs to giue him leaue to make triall in our ſight of the ſaid earth vpon certaine doggs and beaſtes. Which when wee had

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graunted, the said *Crisantus* did will to be brought before him two great dogges of like colour and bignesse, and therewithal two Crowns weight of Mercurie Sublimate, which he deuided in our presence, and in the sight of *Iohn Oistweilers* our sworne Surgeon, into two equall portions, whereof the one hee gaue alone in a pece of Larde to the one dogge, the other parte of the poison he gaue to the other in a pece of Larde being mingled with the quantity of three Trocisks of the *Terra Sigillata*. Both the doggs in our presence deuoured the portions that were thrown vnto them, and both vomited and grew to be very feeble, fiue houres after the receiuing of the poison, the first dogge that had taken the poison pure without any of the earth, dyed. The other which had receiued the *Terra Sigillata* with the poison, remained safe and alive, and being shut vp for a day, after was suffered to goe at large. Sith these things we saw to be true as they bee reported, we thought good to

graunt to the before named *Crisantus* of Cronenburg these our Letters of Credence, sealed with our common Seale. Giuen at Iuliers in the yeare of our Lord 1580. The xij. of Februarie.

Subsigned Paulus Herle.

THis copie was drawen out in the presence of the honorable Henrie Wendelen, & Theodorck a Bruck, both the Scauins in Dusseldorff, was by me Antony Burker chief Notarie there, conferred with the true originall, sealed & subscribed, neither rased canselled, nor to be suspected, which original remaineth in the keeping of the said Crisantus, wherwith I confesse it agreeth word for word, which I the aforesaid Anthony Burker do witnes with mine owne hand. Dated the ninth of March, the yeere. 1582.

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Andrewe Berthold to

the loving Reader.

BE it knowen vnto al and singular the studious, and searchers out of the treasures of nature, that for their owne necessitie or their friends, desire to be partakers of the wonderful & medicinable force of the *Terra Sigillata* of *Silesia*: as well for recouering & képing of their health, as to be preserued from all deadly poison: That I Andrew Berthold of Oschatz, vpon the mountaine called Kupfferberg, dwelling nére vnto the Golden riuer named in the Germaine tongue the Bober, about seuen miles from the head of the riuer called the Elbe, haue béene earnestly required by sundrie Doctors in Phisicke and other men of name, to leaue some quantitie of this precious earth in some place nére vnto the Rheyn, specially at Franckfort, where in my absence, as oft as occasion serued, it might be had. When as therfore I caused these books to be printed by that vertuous man Christopher Coruin a Printer, & Citizen of Franckfort: I thought it good not any where bet-

ter leaue it, than with him who might bet-
ter it at a reasonable price to all such as
haue nede of it: which I could hardly in-
treate him to trouble himselfe withal, but
onely in respect that he had printed the co-
pies. Wherefore I entend, God sparing
me life, to send abroad euery Marte not
onely good store of this earth, but also cer-
taine precious stones nedfull in Phisicke:
As Rubyes, Emeralds, Saphyrs, Iacincts,
Carnelins, Citrins, Chrystals, Serpen-
tins, Amethists, Garnats, and such like.
And whosoeuer lacketh any stones belon-
ging to Phisicke or otherwise, he shall be
sure at the saide Coruins to haue not one-
ly them, but also the earth ready prepared,
which our mercifull God hath bestowed
vpon Germanie, for the common profit of
all Christendome. To which almightie
Lord be all honour, glorie, and praise, for
euer and euer.

Andreas Bertholdus
of Oschatz.

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